SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What about those art objects which have been damaged? (*Interruptions*) What has happend to them?

SHRI L. P. SHAHI: Sir, I am trying to answer the question put by the honourable Member, Shri Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The question is why they were sent.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS

Lung cancer, A Female Health Problem

*306. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lung Cancer has become a major female health problem in the country and is likely to assume more dangerous proportions by the turn of the century;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the death rate has shot up by 135 per cent during the last two decades; and

(c) what precautionary measures are being adopted by Government to effectively tackle this disease among the women in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No Sir. Lung Cancer has not become a major female health problem in India.

(b) No, Sir. According to the estimates of the Indian Council of Medical Research based on the figures of the Population Based Cancer Registry at Bombay, there has been no significant increase in the mortality rate due to cancer of lung in women from 1964 to 1985.

(c) Health education programmes for prevention are being undertaken by Central Health Education Bureau State Governments, Voiuntary Organisations and the Regional Cancer Centres in different parts of the country through radio, television, films, exhibitions, newspapers, periodicals and distribution of printed materials.

Coastal Highway

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any under Government's consideration to construct a coastal highway from Tada to Itchapuram to provide transport facilities to cyclone-prone areas and for ensuring development of fishermen's villages;

(b) if so, when the scheme is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether any suggestion has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government to construct a road between Guntur and Vadapalli, connecting National Highways 5 and 9 to reduce the distance between Madras and Hyderabad by about 70 kms.; and

(d) if so, whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to implement the suggestion of the Andhra Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have suggested inclusion of this work under the Centrally sponsored scheme of economic and inter-State loan assistance programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.19 crores. However, owing to limitation of resources it has not been possible to accede to this request.

Amount allotted to Archaeological Survey of India

*308. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial provision made for Archaeological Survey